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SUBJECT: TUGBOAT WINGUATT - REFUGEE COMPLAINT

REF: SEN CIVIL COORD MST 281631Z AUG 75

1. INFO RECEIVED BY EMB ON TUGBOAT WINGUATT INDICATES THAT IT APPEARED AT SUBIC ON 16 MAY 75, OFF-LOADED REFUGEES, RECEIVED MINOR REPAIRS AND THEN DEPARTED WITH KOREAN CREW FOR DESTINATION UNKNOWN BUT PRESUMABLY KOREA.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON MAY 24, SUBIC AUTHORITIES WERE FIRST NOTIFIED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTION AS TO OWNERSHIP OF VESSEL. LEGAL AUTHORITIES AT SUBIC THEN PERSONALLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ALLEGED OWNER OF VARIOUS OCCASIONS. COMPLAINANTS IN QUESTION ADMITTED BOTH VERBALLY AND IN WRITING THAT THEY WERE ONLY LESSEE OF VESSEL, WITH OWNERSHIP APPARENTLY RESIDING IN FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. IT WAS STRESSED TO THEM DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT THE US NAVY HAD AT NO TIME ASSUMED CONTROL OVER VESSEL AND THAT IT HAD ALREADY DEPARTED SUBIC BAY FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION. NAVAL LEGAL AUTHORITIES SUGGESTED THAT ALLEGED OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND OFFER WAS MADE TO ASSIST. HOWEVER, NO REQUEST BY OWNERS WAS EVER RECEIVED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

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3. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR FROM INFO AVAILABLE AT
SUBIC, THAT USG HAS NO LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION IN
RELATION TO THIS MATTER AND THAT ALLEGED OWNERS' TITLE
TO VESSEL IS SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD SEEM
THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION TO RECLAIM SHIP MUST BE TAKEN IN
WHATEVER JURISDICTION THE VESSEL MAY EVENTUALLY BE LOCATED.

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